

UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(New Nonprovisional Applications Under 37 CFR § 1.53(b))

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Transmitted herewith is the patent application of () application identifier or (X) first named inventor, Fisher, entitled METHODS AND APPARATUSES FOR CERTIFYING ELECTRONIC MESSAGES, for a(n):

(X) Original Patent Application

() Continuing Application (prior application not abandoned):

() Continuation () Divisional () Continuation-in-part (CIP)
of prior application No: _____ Filed on: _____

() A statement claiming priority under 35 USC § 120 has been added to the specification.

Enclosed are:

(X) Specification; 27 Total Pages.(X) Drawing(s); 7 Total Sheets.

(X) Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney:

(X) A Newly Executed Declaration (3 pages):

(X) Signed.

() Unsigned.

() Partially Signed.

() A Copy from a Prior Application for Continuation/Divisional (37 CFR § 1.63(d)).

() Incorporation by Reference. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

() Signed Statement Deleting Inventor(s) Named in the Prior Application. (37 CFR § 163(d)(2)).

() Power of Attorney (unsigned).

(X) Return Receipt Postcard.

() Fee Transmittal.

(X) Credit Card authorization in the amount of \$ 1162.00.

() Preliminary Amendment.

() Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449.

(X) A Duplicate Copy of this Form for Processing Fee Against Deposit Account.

() A Certified Copy of Priority Documents (if foreign priority is claimed).

(X) Assignment Papers (Cover sheet and documents).

() Statement(s) of Status as a Small Entity Filed in Prior Application, Status Still Proper and Desired.

() Other: _____

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Independent Claims	5	2	\$86.00	\$ 172.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (if applicable)				\$0.00
Assignment Recording Fee				\$ 40.00
Basic Filing Fee				\$770.00
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